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Thanks

... to our caretaker Mr Palmer who worked incredibly hard during the holidays on a variety of painting projects. Great job Mr Palmer.

... to those children and parents who turned out to represent our school at the ANZAC Dawn Ceremony during the holidays.

... to those who have returned pool keys.

Welcome

... to new and returning families!

People of the week

... Tristan Osborne who found some money around the school recently and gave it to the nearest teacher. We really appreciate your honesty Tristan! Great role modelling!

... Beau Brown and Vienna Ringrose .. please see the end of the newsletter.

... Piper Deeming, Kiri Tonks & Tayla Bennett who always offer to help around the school at lunchtimes. Super polite & well mannered - Mr D. has noticed! Well done girls.

Term calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

8 May	Junior Bike Day
9 May	Lunch time kapa haka programme starts up.
15 May	Junior Bike Day
18 May	Choir practices start (Hurupaki School)
23 May	Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 30.6)
29 May	ESOL Trip on R Tucker Thompson
5 June	Queens Birthday
8 June	Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 15.6)
22 June	Choir practice at Hurupaki School
3 / 4 July	Parent / teacher interviews
7 July	Final day of term 2
24 July	First day of term 3

Soon to be 5 year olds we may not know about

If you have moved into zone, or know someone who has moved into zone, and you / they have a soon to be 5 year old (i.e. turning 5 before the end of the year), and the school has not been advised of this, please let us know next week. This information is important for us if we are to plan for optimal numbers in our junior rooms. Thank you.

Pool Keys

Please return all pool keys to the school office at your earliest convenience.

Items in previous newsletter (Please access via our website or call the school office)

Learning Support Placements (expectations)
Headice

Library Books
Kapa haka

Virtue - Term 2

We are pleased to announce that our focus virtue for term 2 is HUMILITY (this is also our overarching virtue for 2017). Please take time to discuss this virtue with your children over coming weeks

... Why should we practise humility?

... What does it look like?

... How and where do you practise humility in your own life?

... How does humility impact others?

- How does it impact us?

Children will be discussing this virtue at school over coming weeks. Please find support material attached and don't hesitate to contact us with shining examples of HUMILITY so that we can celebrate together. This is a tricky virtue to define ... we are defining it as "being other centred" and as "building others up" ... more to follow.

Constable Ian Anderson

... is currently working with students on how to grow healthy relationships, appreciate differences, resolve disagreements, etc. The kids are loving their time with Ian. We invite you to discuss with your child some of the work he is currently doing with them.

School Hats

These are optional during terms 2 & 3.

High Visibility Vests

Fonterra have kindly donated high visibility vests for distribution to students. If you are keen for your child to have a vest (great for walking to and from the bus stop etc) just give the school office a call and we will see if we have a suitable size.

Statements and Invoices

... were sent out near the end of last term. Please pay at your earliest convenience, or contact us to customise payment arrangements. Any questions to Helen in the office please.

Seesaw Online Portfolios

Last term we advised that Mr Schuster would make himself available to assist parents having difficulties accessing their child's online portfolios. Mr Schuster will be available from 3:15pm to 4:00pm in the Meeting Room (between Kevin and Helen's offices) on Thursday 11 May ... just drop by. Mr Schuster would be more than happy to help at other times by appointment.

Dental Clinic Visits

If you are unsure of when your child is due for their annual examination phone 0800 698 3384 and if needed to make an appointment. We do endeavour to contact and see all children within the year but if you ever have any Dental concerns feel free to ring the 0800 MY TEETH number.



Netball Hoodies

A personalised Matarau School netball "Hoodie" can be purchased for children playing in a school netball team. The hoodies are navy blue, with the child's name across the back. If you would like to order one please complete the order form (sent home yesterday with netball children) and send in orders with \$50 per hoodie to the school office before next Friday (12 May). No late orders will be accepted. The hoodies will be delivered to school within 2-3 weeks. Any queries to Helen please.

Kapa haka

From this coming Tuesday our kapa haka group will meet in the hall from 12:30 to 1:00, and thereafter every Tuesday. Initially the programme will be open to all interested children, but all participating children will be expected to demonstrate commitment. Whaea Charlene will treat the first two sessions as "tasters" and also as an opportunity to gauge commitment. Please remind children that they will need to turn up to all coming sessions, and to apply themselves diligently, if they wish to remain in this group. Charlene currently has

around 60 children who have indicated they and / or their parents would like them to give this a go, if your child has not yet indicated their interest they are still welcome to turn up on Tuesday. We will keep you posted on developments.

Finally

This term we will continue to roll out our 2017 writing and multiple intelligence initiatives. Further, while we certainly want students exiting our school to have a thorough academic, sporting and all round preparation for secondary school, the development of character has to be a part of this mix for us to feel we have served them well. So, additionally we will expand / grow / fine tune class discussions targeted at other centred-ness and building up others. Along with the children, we want to explore new ways of knowing and understanding each other, of putting the needs of others ahead of our own, of caring in practical ways, of understanding the power of our words ... in short, exploring what it looks like to be humble.

Congratulations this week to Beau Brown who mentioned in a recent discussion his keenness to listen well and learn from others, and to Vienna Ringrose who commended another student on the improvements she had noticed.

We will keep you posted but more than keen to discuss any of these initiatives with interested parents.

Welcome to the new term.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella

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This week Room 11 have started the Kia Kaha unit.
Here is a picture of Room 11's waka that they created with
Constable Ian. The waka symbolises
everyone working together as a team to go further.



Community Notices

Wanted - new members for **Ruatangata Indoor Bowls** group. Wednesday 7.30pm start. All ages (inc children 8+ yrs old) welcome. Great social / community opportunity. Contact Alan Agnew on 435 0141 or Ben Foster 435 1570 with queries or turn up from 7pm on Wednesdays.

SUNDAY CHESS. Children and Adults - Monthly on Sundays - 1pm to 3pm.. Kensington Table Tennis Hall. Beginners and experienced players welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated, towards Hall expenses. These sessions are run about once a month by Diana Schaefer and her son, Oliver, who are chess enthusiasts. Queries : Marilyn Stafford 021 264 9118

Hopscotch After School Care Programme - Based at Trigg Sports Arena on Park Ave. Mixture of centre based activities and excursions. Caters for 5-13 years old. Look us up on enrolmy.com, call 021 237 2598 or 021 030 6638 or email hello@hopscotchforkids.co.nz for more info.

Ruatangata Playcentre - A great place to spend time with your pre-schooler – relaxed atmosphere, plenty of resources and no fees! Open Tuesdays 9am-12 noon. Ph Clare for more info – 433 5544.

Cowboy Up Camp - 4 days of adventure, fun & bonding; Saturday 8th to Tuesday 11th July. For children 8 -15 years. Dromgool Horsemanship, Pahia, enquiries@horseman.co.nz or www.horseman.co.nz
House Cleaner wanted – local area. Phone Louise on 430 4380 for details.

Hook N Bang competition - fundraiser for the Mangakahia Sports Complex; this year we have added a kids comp (best dressed possum, heaviest eel). More info email northland@onfarmsafety.co.nz; Mangakahia Sports Complex website or Hook N Bang facebook page – facebook.com/hooknbang

Kiwi North Mother's Day event – Sunday 14th May, free entry for Mums accompanied by their kids, kiwi feeding & keeper talk 11, 1 & 3pm. www.kiwinorth.co.nz

Grunge Bots: A Robot Making Workshop Sun 7 May 9:30am — 4:30pm

Event run by Technohackers at Whangarei Boys High for Northland Techweek. Full day event where everyone gets to build and program a mobile robot from scratch. You will come out of the day with your own slightly crazy fully programmable mobile Grunge Bot. Target age: 11 – 18 years but younger ok with parental support. Adult participants very welcome. Cost: \$40 (includes the Grunge Bot kit) - Contact KiwiNorth - kiwinorth.co.nz - or phone 438 9630 for more details

School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince (or Mince & Cheese) Pies, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Rolls (with Museli Bar), Butter Chicken Wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday. In the

case of a child's absence from school and instructions to the contrary, we are unable to guarantee a refund or provide a lunch on a subsequent week.